

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An integrated console controller, comprising:
 - a housing, capable of being hand-held, including a location capable of receiving a cartridge, the cartridge being capable of being inserted and removed;
 - control circuitry, coupled to the housing, having capabilities of a console and a controller;
 - a player input interface coupled to the housing for receiving input from a local user to the control circuitry to control actions associated with a multiplayer game;
 - an audio-visual input interface, coupled to the housing, for receiving input from the local user to the control circuitry to control audio or video characteristics of an external display device, wherein the controller input interface and the console input interface are functionally integrated;
 - a network interface coupled to the housing, wherein network connectivity is provided via the network interface to enable the local user to play the multiplayer game with at least one remote user over a network.
2. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, wherein the cartridge includes at least some rewritable memory elements.
3. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, further comprising software embodied in a computer-readable medium of the control circuitry that includes at least some elements that have been dynamically replaced or upgraded.
4. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a communication interface to at least one general purpose computing device;
 - software including at least one element capable of supporting interactive communication between the integrated-console controller and the general purpose computing device.

5. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication-interface includes an audio or video output to a substantially remote output device.
6. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication interface includes an input from a substantially remote supplemental console.
7. (Currently Amended) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the communication link interface is capable of supporting a dynamic replacement or update of a software element of the software including at least one element.
8. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the software includes at least one element capable of supporting a game with multiple consoles.
9. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 4, wherein the software includes at least one element capable of supporting a contest among multiple players, the contest being adjudicated at either one of the integrated elements, or at a server.
10. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 9, wherein the contest includes a memory having an aggregate measure or a statistical measure of scores achieved by multiple players, each one of the multiple players being associated with an instance of a game.
11. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 1, including a communication interface to at least one supplemental console, the communication link being capable of supporting communication between the supplemental console and the integrated console controller.

12. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 11, wherein the communication interface includes a direct audio or video output from the supplemental console to an output device.

13. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 11, wherein the communication interface includes an input from the supplemental console.

14. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 11, further comprising software having at least one element capable of supporting a game with multiple consoles.

15. (Previously Presented) The integrated console controller of claim 11, further comprising software having at least one element capable of supporting a multiplayer game.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 21-46, further comprising a cartridge that includes at least some information capable of authenticating the software.

19. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 21-46, further comprising a cartridge that includes at least some information capable of replacing or upgrading the software.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a television;
a network;
a workstation, coupled to the network, capable of running a contest between a

local user and a remote user;

a remote server, coupled to the workstation via the network, wherein, in operation, the remote server scores the contest between the local user and the remote user;

a remote device associated with the remote user, coupled to the workstation via the network;

an integrated console controller, including:

a housing with a hand-held form factor having a removable storage interface, wherein, in operation, a removable storage element is coupled to the integrated console controller via the removable storage interface;

an interface device, coupled to the housing, capable of coupling the integrated console controller to the television, the workstation, and a supplemental console;

control circuitry, coupled to the housing, comprising:

memory storing software,

a secure processor capable of executing or interpreting at least some instructions in the software, and capable of controlling operation of the software, whereby only authorized software can be executed or interpreted, wherein, in operation, the removable storage element includes information necessary for the authorization of the software,

a player input interface, coupled to the housing, through which the local user provides input associated with control of the workstation,

an audio/video output interface, coupled to the housing, through which the local user provides input associated with control of the television.

22. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the software includes at least some elements that have been dynamically replaced or upgraded.